

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 23 November 2001
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Faces Of Death II
Other Known Titles: Faces Of Death Part II
Director: Conan Le Cilaire
Producer: Rosilyn T. Scott
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Faces Of Death II	Running time:	78.15
Trailers:	Brotherhood Of Death	Running time:	2.58
	Die Sister, Die!		1.59
		Total running time:	83.12

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains graphic content that may offend.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 23 November 2001

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording *Faces Of Death II* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The video recording *Faces Of Death II* is 83 min 12 sec in length and is comprised of the feature and trailers for the features *Brotherhood Of Death* and *Die Sister, Die!* The feature presents moving and still images depicting deaths or injuries arising from diseases, violence relating to drug use, plane and train crashes, car and motorcycle stunts, drowning, avalanche, fire, cluster bombs, gunfire, decapitation, the sport of boxing, and mass execution by firing squad. There are also images of animals being used for vivisection or other experimental purposes, and animals being killed in gruesome ways. Both the sound and picture quality is particularly poor, and the publication appears to be at least 20 years old. While macabre and sometimes ghoulish, the feature does not dwell on depictions or descriptions of pain, nor does it revel in close-focus images of injuries that cause death, significantly reducing the impact of the publication. The grave tone and content of the narration also lends the publication a certain educational aspect and reduces the likelihood of prurient appeal and the potential harms that would result.

The depictions of cruelty and violence render the availability of the publication likely to be injurious to the public good unless its circulation is restricted to those persons who have attained the age of 18 years. The decision is considered to be reasonable and justified in order to prevent the likelihood of injury.

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